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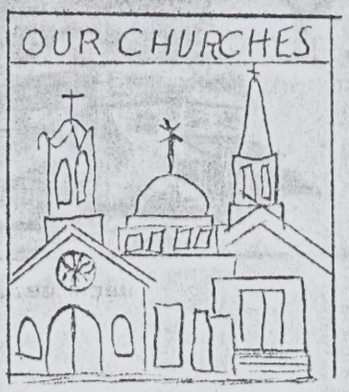

CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Masses Schedule: Our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield, Saturday 5:30 p.m. Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., Sunday 10:00 a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes — Morning worship each Sunday 10:30 a.m. . . .
Kindergarten class Sundays 10:30 a.m. . . . .

Bible Study — Through the Advent season there is a Bible study group meeting on Sundays at 9:30 a.m in the social room. The Sunday worship lectionary is the basis for the study. All are invited.

Sunday Worship in Social Room — Beginning with January 7 the worship will be held in the social room. This is first of all an energy-saving measure. The second benefit that has been quite widely accepted by members of the church is that it provides a more intimate, face-to-face setting for worship during the winter months. Many have come to appreciate this feature, even beyond the saving of energy it provides.

Christmas Caroling — The Christmas caroling this year is to be on Wednesday, December 20. beginning at 7:00 p.m. This event is for all who are young in heart of whatever age. It is sponsored by the Monterey Youth Group. The caroling is to be especially for shut-in persons. If you know of someone you would like to be caroled call the Youth Group president, Jimmy Gauthier, at 528-1624. This may turn out to be a hay-ride carol sing. Just a few details need working out. The caroling will conclude with a visit to Gould Farm where the traditional hot chocolate will be served.

Christmas-Hanukkah Celebration — An old pattern passes, a new one is born with this event which takes place on Thursday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the church social room.

First about the passing of the old. For many years the children's Christmas party was one of the largest gatherings in all Monterey. Many changes have occurred since this was true. Earlier the schools were in Monterey and the school children prepared the program. After the schools left town the program was picked up by various youth movement organizations. There has been a steady/from this being a strong, meaningful gathering. A group of community leaders concurred that this is an event that has largely lost its life and might properly be allowed a decent burial.

A new pattern is being tried this year. On Thursday the community is invited to gather for a Christmas-Hanukkah celebration in the social room. We are asking people to come as families. If you are a family of one you are just as welcome as a family of ten. The evening will consist of a sharing of scriptures, stories, songs, games and foods connected with each of these festivals. This is an event that places its emphasis on neighboring and understanding your neighbors. A warm welcome awaits you. Come, be with your neighbors.

Christmas Sunday Worship — On Sunday December 24 at 10:30 a.m. worship will celebrate the birth of the Christ-child in scripture, story and song. The sermon will be "Christmas -- Where Two Worlds Meet."

Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols — On Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. the church and people of the community are invited to gather for a sometimes quiet and sometimes exultant, but always reverent celebration of the Christmas story. The main movement of the celebration will flow around the alternate reading of the Advent-Christmas scriptures and singing the carols of the Christmas season. The climax of the service comes as the worshipers receive the symbolic Christ-light in vigil candles and carry their lighted candles out into the darkness of the night.

CHRISTMAS EVE

If you stay home tonight
Close by the fire's red glow,
Be sure your candlelight
Shines out through the falling snow.

Watch where the snowflakes spin
For one that left the fold.
His flames so new and thin
He shivers in the cold.

And if you see him, lonely,
Seeking in the storm,
Wandering with only
Love to keep him warm,

Let him be lost no more:
Will you not open wide
Your heavy wreath-hung door
And bring the Lamb inside?

Rosemary Farrar

WHAT KIND OF CONNECTIONS DO YOU HAVE?

"People who need people are the luckiest people in the world." This was the the theme of a song populer a few years ago. This is one way of trying to say something very important about the human situation. The whole drama of our lives is formed around the successesses, the failures, the unfolding of your life and mine in relation to other people.

To be sure there are other things in life than people: skills, areas of learning, all kinds of <u>things</u> to deal with. Sometimes it seems as if we can absent ourselves from people and have most of our dealings just with things. But soon or late -- whichever way we turn we keep bumpinginto the world of people. All the things we may spend our time and energy on finally are being created with the world of people in mind. Turn whichever way we will, like it or not, each of us finds ourselves getting involved with people up to the hilt. It is clear our destiny is bound up with the family of mankind.

The issue I find myself pondering is that people have such enormously differing perceptions of their connectedness or unconnectedness with others. Here is one perdpm who sees, at most, a dozen or so people with whom he imagines his life has any significant involvement. All the rest of the world's people seem not to count for anything. This person has a very low awareness of connectedness with others. This is not to say he has a low connectedness, but simply that his seeing the connectedness runs at a minimum level. Another person may feel the pain and insecurity of the migtant farm worker living in the southwest, feel empathy with the Cape Cod person fighting to preserve the natural beauty of the Cape and join the movement to save whales from extinction. The actual connectedness the two have with others may be similar but their range of awareness is worlds apart.

The concern of this article is to help each of us to take one nudge closer toward the awareness of how deeply and intensively we are all bound into a single family of mankind. The belief behind this concern is that our welfare is much more intimately bound together than our ordinary, everyday seeing enables us to recognize. We are, relatively speaking, "blind actors on a dark stage" and we are missing a large part of the powerful drama in which we are so actively engaged.

We begin to get a hint of how true this is when our eyes are only slightly opened to the marvelous network of connections that exist in our ecological systems. Let us say we live on the side of a mountain that slopes down to a lakeside. My house is located right at that point where the mountain and the lake meet each other. I enjoy the trees, the plants, the water, the birds, the animals that come around my house. My tendency is to think each of these are existing separate unto themselves. What largely misses my eyes is the very intricate network of connections between each of these elements. One year in a fit of bad temper I decide that I am going to declare war on a certain insect I have named as pest. I get a poison which I start spraying around the area -- aiming at one thing alone -- the detested type of insect. I imagine the world will be better off and I will be more at peace if I rid the area of that insect. Let us imagine Isucceed in getting rid of the insect. Good, I say! Yet what I failed to see is that I may have carelessly and unseeingly upset a whole balanced network of existence on my mountainside and lake. I affected adversely and unknowingly the fish, animals, bird, trees and water -- all of which I cherished. By now we humans are learning that we are notorious for our carelessness in the way we affect the quality of life around usin nature -- largely because of our "unseeing and uncaring eyes." Slowly and bit by bit we are learning to see the network of life in which our lives are interwoven. Hopefully as we see and learn to care we will have a deeper reverence and respect for the whole life process upon which our lives depend.

In the same manner as our eyes learn to see the intimate interconnectedness we have with all other parts of the family of mankind one should imagine that our style of living together will gradually begin to change. At the moment my eyes may be too blind and my imagination too limited to suppose that my life in any way could be affected by the severe deprivation a migrant worker is experiencing in the southwest. It just doesn't occur to me that there is even the remotestconnection between us. So, since my life and his are so totally unconnected I go on living day after day as though he doesn't even exist. But one day I am startled into awareness. Someone with more knowledge than I reminds me that an item I just picked up in the supermarket is so favorably priced precisely because this migrant worker and his family are forced to live under such wretched conditions. So long as I was blind to this connection I went blithely on my way. Now that I see I may be a degree less comfortable at my purchase which thought to be greatly to my advantage. Well, this is just a tiny piece of my beginning to develpp an awareness of how I am a part of a much larger family then I had recognized.

What I am suggesting is that we may be standing on the edge of a veritable revolution in this business of joining the larger family of mankind. I have given only a slight hint as to its implications. I am sure that among the readers many, many more illustrations of how we are interconnected will begin to occur. In my next article I would be pleased to share any other such ways of seeing this relationship as you may wish to send me.

Virgil V. Brallier
Monterey United Church of Christ

The annual meeting if the Board of Directors follwed by that of the William J. Gould Associates was held in November. Elections took place at the meeting. Dr. James Gillespie of Westport, Conn. was re-elected an Associate. New members chosen were Dr. Richard Culley of Pittsfield, Ervin Meleni of Boston, Mrs. Joan Nettleton of Gt. Barrington and Mrs. Mary Snow of Cambridge. The directors whose terms expire this year were re-elected. They are Dr. James Adams, Matthew Dempsey, James Hawks, Mrs. Margaret Larter and Mrs. Rose McKee.

The report of the Executive Director was enthusiastically received and gratitude was expressed to him for the two innovative programs of the year -- Farrington House and the Roadside Store. Mr. Smith reported in part as follows: Farrington House now has 12 residents and 3 staff members. 8 of the residents are former Gould Farm gusts; 4 are transfers from McLean Hospital. The third staff position (in addition to Virgil Stucker and Jan West) is for the time being a rotating one with different Gould Farm staff members being offered the opportunity ti assust at Farrington for one to three months. Ginna Toohey has recently been staying there; Ed Golenberger will go next for two months. All residents now have jobs, most full time. One has passed high school equivalency tests and is in a Department store warehouse foreman with two men under him. Another is teaching in a private school. One is working in a ski shop. Another is a filing clerk at an insurance company.

"Since we are very heterogeneous in our religious beliefs and somewhat so in our values, The Farm should ideally be the place where each can pursue his own pilgrimage while sharing in a common work, feeling the support, respect and interest of the wider community. The Farm should be a place where we make reasonable demands on one another. Further the Farm should be the place where we draw upon the physical, intellectual and interpersonal resources of all members, and where all feel free to share resources and skills."

At noon on November 23 Cory Loder led the annual service of Thanksgiving in the Main House living room. Then 86 of us gathered for dinner. 18 people had gone home for the weekend but 16 others came. They included the Robert Wheelers from Great Barrington, the Kelley Janeses from Monterey, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stucker, Mrs. Margaret Nichols, Mrs. Shirley Lehrer, Al Barondess, Erika Merriam and her three children, Ervin Meluleni and Nancy Holyrode and Steve Dunlop. Dorothy Wihick had been here at this season fifteen years ago. So had Antoinette Jalbert four years ago. She returned for the day with her fiancé, Louis Crachetti.

Everyone missed the Kent Smiths who were in Pennsylvania -- their first holiday time off the grounds in their six years here. Joe Burkholder was master of ceremonies presiding with his usual warmth and grace. He called on Robert Rausch to read the Farm report, an excellent one written by Dan Reuter who was ill.

Karalee Muller read Bretta Oellig's official report on the Roadside Store. Loul McIntosh told the greenhouse story. Virgil Stucker brought us up to date on Farrington House. Ed Dunlop gave a short but encouraging view of Farm finances. Joe himself read an interesting report on garden produce which reached amazing amounts of vegetables eaten, frozen and stored. He reported also on the work program which has already provided us with more than fifty cords of wood, twice as much as last year at this time. Five hundred twenty quarts of maple syrup were processed, thirty gallons of cider and fifty quarts of apple sauce in addition to house painting, newfencing around the sheep meadow and the care of bee hives. In conclusion Lauren Page read from "Brother Will," the story of his purchase of the original farm and of the first Gould Farm Thanksgiving sixty-five years ago.

Evelyn Chamberlain has been ill and is staying at a convalescent home near her daughter. Her address is Wintonbury Manor, 140 Park Ave. Bloomfield, Conn. 06002.

In mid-November three new Brethren Volunteer Service workers joined the staff for a year. Nancy Lefever is from south central Pennsylvania near York. She has been on a Navajo Indian Reservation in Arizona and thinks of returning there for a year's service after she leaves the Farm. Denise Ryman comes from north central Indiana. She plans further schooling and perhaps a year or two More with BVS after the Gould Farm experience. Mike also comes from the middle west and is interested in working with people for an indefinite period.

Rose McKee

MONTEREY GRANGE #291

We met November 15 for Competition Night and Neighbors' Night. 32 members and 35 visitors were present. Captain of the Sisters, Richard Hardisty with a skit about a a bees tour won over Annette Nelson, captain of the Brothers who had an employment agency. Both sides were most enjoyable and enjoyed by all. Judges were Truman Wheeler from Great Barrington, Ida Moore from Falls Village and Vera Somer from Lee.

At the meeting on December 6 there was a short educational meeting in charge of Chairman Beatrice Phillips and her committee. Members brought articles for the country store and the raffle box of groceries.

Mary Wallace
Lecturer

4-H

The annual 4-H Fall Awards and Honor d nquet was held at the Cove Restaurent in Great Barrington on S turday, November 18. Those who attended the banquet from Monterey were Kristine and Kenneth Heath and Shawn Ryder. Their parents also attended the banquet. Awards for the county were presented at this ceremony. All three attendants from Monterey received awards. Kristine received two awards. One fro gardening and the other for horse projects. Kenneth received awards in Food Conservation and in Safety. Shawn received hiw award in Photography and in Safety. Shawn received his Award in Photography and in Safety. Master of ceremonies for the banquet was Dick Boyce of the Berkshire County Cooperative Extension Service in Pittsfield.

BOY SCOUTS

Cub Scouts

On November 17 the Cub Scouts held their Pack Meeting at the New Marlboro Amerucab Keguib Oist 350. Many of Mrs. Drown's scouts received their Bobcat Badge at the meeting. They were Christopher Makuc, B.B. Burkholder, Edward Harvey, Doug Brown, James Decker, Mark Seavey, John Blanchard and Chris Johnson. Mr. Paul Harvey of New Marlboro presented the awards to the Cubs. The Cub Scouts also participated in the Christmas Workshop with the Brownies on December 7.

Webelos

The Webelos also attended the Pack Meeting on November 17. Monterey recipients of awards for the Webelos were Shawn Smith and Kirven Blount who both received their Citizen Badge.

Sheffield Youth Hockey.

Now that winter is here the Sheffield Youth Hockey League has begun again. Members on the team from Monterey are Doug Brown and Kirven Blount. Their first game was on December 9 against Claverack.

GIRL SCOUTS

Brownies

On November 16 the Brownies met at the home of Nancy Kolodner where they used her marvelous new ketchen to prepare Thanksgiving treats for their families. One group made a cooked cranberry relish and another made a cranberry orange and walwalnut relish. Each Brownie got to take home a little bit of each for relish fa,o;u's Thanksgiving feast. They also received their calendars and planners to be sold over The Thanksgiving vacation. On November 30 the projects for the day were yarn painting. Sharon Steinberg has shown the girls a little of the knowhow during their visit to Stone Mountain in early November. They worked very hard and their creations were quite good. Thursday December 7 the Brownies joined other groups in New Marlboro at the Christmas Workshop held in the American Legion Hall in Southfield. Later on in the month they will decorate the Post Office window boxes in preparation for Christmas.

Juniors and Cadettes

The Girl Scouts made Santa Clauses from styrofoam on December 6. The girls also attended the Christmas Workshop on December 7. On December 14 the scouts went to Kolburbe School to have a Christmas Party with the Girl Scouts from the Kolburne School.

YOUTH GROUP

In November the Youth Group had a pizza party which everyone enjoyed very much. As one of their current projects the group is discovering the art of listening. SO far the members have learned a lot about how to listen and they have improved their listening skill greatly. For Christmas activities the group is selling Christmas trees and they are also responsible for the decoration of the Christmas tree in the Monterey Church for the Monterey Christmas Party. The Youth Group meets weekly on Sunday evenings from 5:00 to 6:30. At their meeting on December 3 the members elected officers and formed several committees A complete list of the officers and the committees will be printed in Next month's issue.

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